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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/857,767	Applicant(s) WILSON, PHILLIP S.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8 and 10-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7, 9, 13 and 17-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2-7, 9, 13 and 17-27 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 2, line 3, --:-- should be inserted after "comprising", and in lines 4 and 7, "of" should read --in--; in claim 9, line 1, "provided" should read --providing--; in claim 13, line 23, --:-- should be inserted after "including", and in lines 24 and 27, "of" should read --in--; in claim 17, line 18, --:-- should be inserted after "including", and in lines 19 and 22, "of" should read --in--; and in claim 23, line 18, --: should be inserted after "comprising". Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 8 and 10-12 are allowed.
3. Claims 2-7 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claims 13 and 17-27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Applicant's arguments filed December 20, 2004 are persuasive. Specifically Applicant's argument that "Bagrodia et al. disclose a process for producing containers for food and beverages from molded polyester compositions. An advantage of the disclosed process by Bagrodia et al. is the provision of containers with improved barrier

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and visual properties. However, Bagrodia et al. make no mention or understanding of the ability to significantly enhance the physical and/or mechanical properties of the base resin. Bagrodia et al. do not contemplate the possibility of providing large, structural parts through blow molding of a plastic material being reinforced with nanoparticles. Thus, the Bagrodia et al. reference does not contemplate structural materials" The examiner finds that argument persuasive therefore all the 103 rejections in the application are hereby withdrawn.

Conclusion

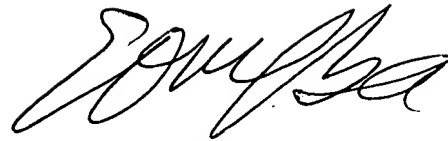
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Essama Omgba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10-7:30) First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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